

Hey Mom! What is Diversity?



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This book brings the concept of diversity, or being different, into a simple perspective for the young reader.



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"How was school?"
Sally's mom asked.



"It was fine," she said with a big smile.
"But my teacher, Ms. Talbert, started talking about
something I didn't understand.
She called it DIVERSITY."



"Hey mom! What is DIVERSITY?"



"Sally, let me get you a snack and I will explain what it really means."



"I have red hair, you have strawberry-blond hair, and your Dad has ... NO HAIR."

Sally laughed at the way her mother said no hair.

"Everyone's hair is different. Different colors, styles, lengths. It can be straight, curly or in between. And sometimes it's not even there."



"You are a girl and your little brother is a boy.
You are both human but different.
I am old and you are young.
We are different ages."



"Your friend Jaylynn lives with her sister and father,
and her mother lives in another state.
They are a family just like us, but there are
differences."



"You have a brother and she has a sister.
You both have a father and mother at home,
she only has a father."



"We live in a house and Jaylynn
lives in an apartment."



"They are both places to live but they are different."



"You like the color purple and your brother likes the color red. You both have a special color but the colors are different. You like soccer and your brother likes baseball. You both like sports but the sports are different."



"Hey mom! I understand!" Sally shouted.
"Even though things are the same, they are
different and that is DIVERSITY.
I like being different. I can't imagine everyone
and everything being the same."





Why is Nita Upside Down?

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Nita's hanging upside down,
her long hair tickling at the ground.

The trees, the grass, the everything
is all the wrong way round.



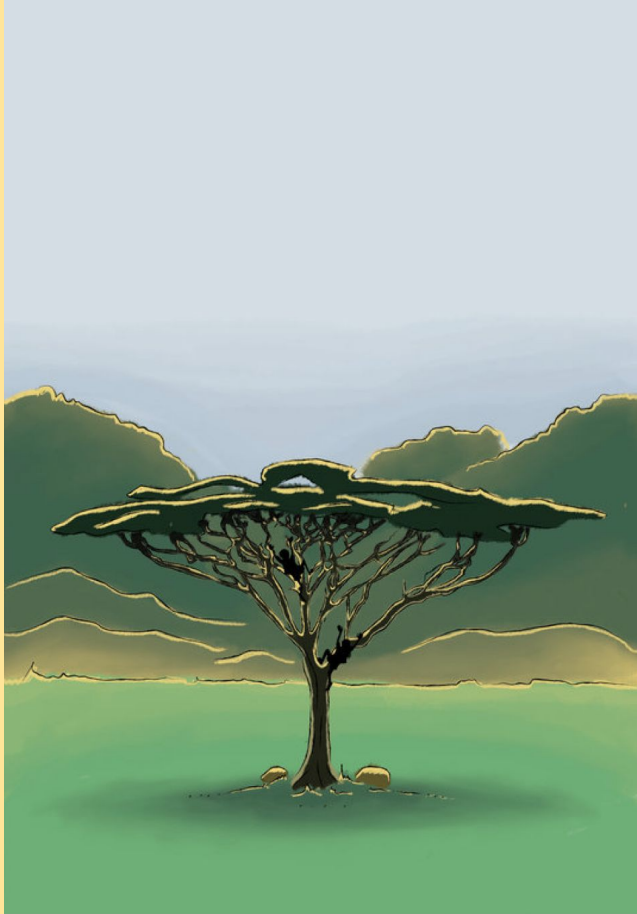
Her feet, they poke into the sky.
Little Navi is walking by.

He says, 'I've seen you here before.
You're upside down again! What
for?'



Her feet swim lightly in the air.
She tries to hide behind her hair.

'It's h-h-h-hard to t-t-talk', she says to him.
'I'm not the same. I don't fit in.'



Navi takes her by the hand.
He wants to help her understand.

They climb to Navi's look-out spot.
From up here they can see a lot.

They perch and have a quiet stare
at children playing here and there.



Those kids are not the same at all.
Abe's round.





Chi's freckled.



Lala's extra tall.

BamBam's wild and must run free,



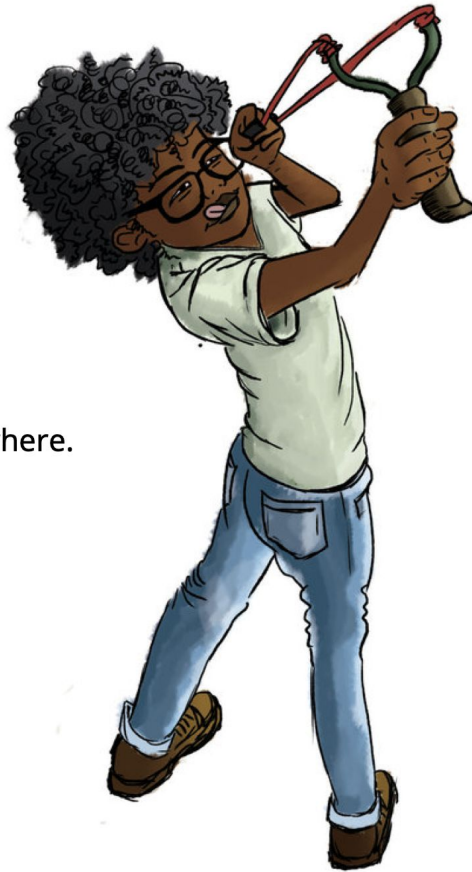


while Lulu reads quietly.

Look at Freya's crazy hair.



And Tim wears glasses everywhere.



Nita feels the right way round,
thanks to the new friend she's found.

Upside down was never fun.
Now she plays with everyone.





And me, I am just skin and bone.
And you are you. You're not alone.

Each human's sort of strange, you
see.
That makes you just the same, like
me.

This world is really one big game.
To play, we can't all be the same.